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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND DIVISION

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In re: : Chapter 11

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CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC., : Case No. 08-35653 (KRH)

<u>et</u> <u>al</u>., :

: Jointly Administered

Debtors.

: Obj. Deadline: April 28, 2010 at

\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ 5:00 p.m. (ET)

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND STIPULATION BY AND AMONG THE DEBTORS, THOMSON, INC., AND MONARCH MASTER FUNDING LTD RESOLVING DEBTORS' FORTY-EIGHTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AND 503(B)(9) CLAIMS AND OTHER MATTERS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on August 10, 2009, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the "Bankruptcy Court") entered the Order Pursuant To 11 U.S.C. §§ 105 and 363, and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002, 9006, and 9019 Authorizing the Establishment of Procedures to Settle Certain Pre-Petition and Post-Petition Claims and Causes of Action Without Further Court Approval

(the "Settlement Procedures Order") (Docket No. 4401). A copy of the Settlement Procedures Order (without exhibits) is annexed as Exhibit 1.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the Settlement Procedures Order, the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors")<sup>2</sup> are authorized to negotiate and enter into stipulation and settlement agreements with third parties, subject to the procedures set forth in the Settlement Procedures Order and outlined herein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, at this time, the Debtors have entered into a stipulation and settlement agreement (the "Settlement Agreement") with Monarch Master Funding Ltd ("Monarch") and Thomson, Inc. ("Thomson"), a copy of which is annexed as Exhibit 2.

# SUMMARY OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT TERMS<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Settlement Agreement (defined below) or the Settlement Procedures Order.

The Debtors and the last four digits of their respective taxpayer identification numbers are as follows: Circuit City Stores, Inc. (3875), Circuit City Stores West Coast, Inc. (0785), InterTAN, Inc. (0875), Ventoux International, Inc. (1838), Circuit City Purchasing Company, LLC (5170), CC Aviation, LLC (0841), CC Distribution Company of Virginia, Inc. (2821), Circuit City Properties, LLC (3353), Kinzer Technology, LLC (2157), Abbott Advertising Agency, Inc. (4659), Patapsco Designs, Inc. (6796), Sky Venture Corp. (0311), PRAHS, Inc. (n/a), XSStuff, LLC (9263), Mayland MN, LLC (6116), Courchevel, LLC (n/a), Orbyx Electronics, LLC (3360), and Circuit City Stores PR, LLC (5512). The address for Circuit City Stores West Coast, Inc. is 9250 Sheridan Boulevard, Westminster, Colorado 80031. For all other Debtors, the address was 9950 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23233 and currently is 4951 Lake Brook Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23060.

This section of the notice constitutes a summary of the material terms of the Settlement Agreement and is being provided for convenience only and should not be relied upon in any way. All parties are strongly encouraged to review the Settlement Agreement in its entirety. In the event there is a conflict between the notice and the Settlement Agreement, the Settlement Agreement shall control in all respects.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, in accordance with paragraph 10(b) of the Settlement Procedures Order, the material terms of the Settlement Agreement are as follows:

- (i) This a Tier I Settlement.
- (ii) The Parties agree that the 503(b)(9) Claim Discrepancy shall be valued at \$44,000.
- (iii) After deducting the agreed upon 503(b)(9)
   Claim Discrepancy from the 503(b)(9) Claim,
   the Parties agree that the 503(b)(9) Claim
   shall be valued at \$402,517.08.
- (iv) The Parties agree that the Debtors' Alleged Receivables shall be valued at \$245,909.77 (the "Receivables").
- (v) In full satisfaction and settlement of the
  Alleged Receivables and the Receivables,
  the Receivables shall be net against the
  503(b)(9) Claim such that the 503(b)(9)
  Claim shall be reduced to and allowed in
  the face amount of \$156,607.31 (the
  "Allowed 503(b)(9) Claim").
- (vi) To the extent required, the automatic stay of 11 U.S.C. § 362 is lifted to permit the netting set forth in Paragraph (v) above.
- (vii) The Allowed 503(b)(9) Claim shall be deemed an "allowed" claim pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Section 503(b)(9) against Circuit City Stores, Inc. and its estate in case number 08-35653 (KRH) for all purposes, including with respect to any confirmed plan of liquidation or in any chapter 7 case of such Debtor, shall be paid on the "effective date" of any plan or as required under any chapter 7 liquidation (as applicable), and shall not be subject to further objection, offset, reduction, discount, impairment or subordination.

- (viii) The Parties agree that the Settlement
   Agreement finally resolves the 503(b)(9)
   Claim, the 503(b)(9) Claim Discrepancy, the
   Objection, the Response, the Debtors'
   Alleged Receivables and Receivables, and
   the Demand Letter in their entirety.
- For the avoidance of doubt and (ix) notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Settlement Agreement, (i) the Allowed 503(b)(9) Claim shall constitute Thomson's full and final allowed claim in the Debtors' cases and Thomson shall not file nor be entitled to recover on account of any other claims from the Debtors or their estates, (ii) the Debtors shall not be entitled to recover any further credits, rebates, receivables, setoffs, netting, or discounts, including (without limitation) the Alleged Receivables, from Thomson, and (iii) all omnibus objections to the 503(b)(9) Claim shall be deemed resolved.
- (x) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Settlement Agreement and for the avoidance of doubt, nothing therein shall be deemed to or affect any other claim filed by or transferred to Monarch (the "Unresolved Claims" and the holders of such Unresolved Claims, the "Claimants") or the Debtors' rights, claims, causes of action, or defenses arising from or related to the Unresolved Claims or the Claimants holding such Unresolved Claims.

# TIME AND PLACE FOR FILING OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT OR REQUESTING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR TIME TO CONSIDER THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, in accordance with paragraph 10(c) of the Settlement Procedures Order, any Notice Party may object (each an "Objection") to or request additional time or information (each a "Request") to evaluate the Settlement Agreement.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all Objections and Requests must be in writing and received by counsel to the Debtors and counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (see information below) by no later April 28, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. (ET) (the "Objection Deadline"). Each Objection or Request must be served on (i) the attorneys for the Debtors, (a) Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP, One Rodney Square, P.O. Box 636, Wilmington, DE 19899, Attn: Gregg M. Galardi (gregg.galardi@skadden.com) and Ian S. Fredericks (ian.fredericks@skadden.com) and (b) McGuireWoods LLP, One James Center, 901 E. Cary Street, Richmond, VA 23219, Attn: Douglas M. Foley (dfoley@mcquirewoods.com) and Daniel F. Blanks (dblanks@mcguirewoods.com), and (ii)(a) Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, 10100 Santa Monica Blvd., 11th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90067-4100, Attn: Jeff Pomerantz (jpomerantz@pszjlaw.com) and (b) 780 Third Avenue, 36th Floor, New York, NY 10017-2024, Attn: Robert Feinstein (rfeinstein@pszjlaw.com).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you object to the Settlement Agreement and you do not want the Debtors to proceed with the Settlement Agreement or you want the Court to consider your views concerning the Settlement Agreement, you or you attorney must also:

file in writing with the Court, Clerk of Court, United States Bankruptcy Court, 701 East Broad Street, Suite 4000, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or electronically (<a href="www.vaeb.uscourts.gov">www.vaeb.uscourts.gov</a>), a written Objection pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1(H). If you mail your Objection to the Court for filing, you must mail it early enough so the Court will receive it on or before April 28, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. (ET).

Any Objection to the Settlement Agreement must be submitted by the method described in the foregoing sentence. Objections will be deemed filed only when actually received at the address listed above.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to paragraph 10(d) of the Settlement Procedures Order, if a Notice Party submits a Request, only such Notice Party shall have the later of (i) an additional five (5) days to

object to the Agreement or (ii) in the case of a Request for additional information, three (3) days after receipt by the Notice Party of the additional information requested. Each Notice Party may only make one Request for additional time per Settlement Agreement, unless otherwise agreed to by the Debtors in their sole discretion.

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to paragraph 10(c) of the Settlement Procedures Order, if no Objection or Request is filed and served upon counsel for the Debtors and counsel for the Committee of Unsecured Creditors or counsel to the Debtors and counsel for the Committee of Unsecured Creditors do not receive a Request prior to the expiration of the Objection Deadline (as may be extended by Requests, if any, the <a href="Debtors shall be">Debtors shall be</a> authorized to enter into and consummate the Settlement Agreement without further order of the Court or any other action by the Debtors.

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# EXHIBIT 1

(Settlement Procedures Order w/out Exhibit(s))

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<u>et</u> <u>al</u>.,

Debtors. : Jointly Administered - - - - - - - - - x

ORDER UNDER 11 U.S.C. §§ 105 AND 363, AND FED. R. BANKR. P. 2002, 9006, AND 9019 AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCEDURES TO SETTLE CERTAIN PRE-PETITION AND POST-PETITION CLAIMS AND CAUSES OF ACTION WITHOUT FURTHER COURT APPROVAL

Upon the motion (the "Motion") of the Debtors for entry of an order, pursuant to sections 105 and 363

Each capitalized term not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the Motion.

of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") and Rules 2002, 9006 and 9019 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), for entry of an order authorizing the establishment of procedures to settle certain pre-petition and postpetition claims and causes of action without further court approval; and the Court having reviewed the Motion; and upon the record herein; and after due deliberation thereon; and good and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is hereby:

#### FOUND, DETERMINED, AND CONCLUDED that:

- 1. Based on the affidavits of service filed, due, proper and adequate notice of the Motion has been given in accordance with the Case Management Order and that no other or further notice is necessary;
- 2. The Notice Procedures are fair, reasonable, and appropriate.
- 3. The Settlement Procedures are fair reasonable, and appropriate.
- 4. The Notice and Settlement Procedures were proposed in good faith.

- 5. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9006, cause exists to shorten the applicable notice period in Bankruptcy Rule 2002(a)(3) with respect to each Settlement.
- 6. Upon the expiration of the applicable
  Notice Period without an objection or upon resolution of
  any filed objection after the applicable Notice Period,
  each Settlement that complies with the Notice and
  Settlement Procedures shall be deemed (i) fair and
  reasonable and (ii) to have satisfied the standards
  under Bankruptcy Code sections 105 and 363 and
  Bankruptcy Rule 9019.
- 7. The relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest.

# ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that:

- 8. The Motion is GRANTED.
- 9. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to compromise and settle Disputed Claims and Cause of Action and Receivable Claims in accordance with the Settlement Procedures.

- 10. The Debtors shall provide key parties in interest with notice of each proposed Settlement. The Notice Procedures are as follows:
  - (a) The Debtors shall give written notice, by email or facsimile, if available, or overnight courier if email or facsimile are not available, of each proposed Settlement (the "Settlement Notice") to (i) the United States Trustee, (ii) counsel for the Committee of Unsecured Creditors, (iii) any party to the Settlement, and (iv) the Core Group and 2002 List (collectively, the "Notice Parties").
  - (b) The Settlement Notice (or the Settlement Agreement) shall specify (i) the identity of the other party to the Settlement, (ii) a summary of the dispute with such other party, including a statement of the Debtors' reasonable estimate of the Settlement Claim amount and the basis for the controversy, (iii) an explanation of why the Settlement of such Settlement Claim is favorable to the Debtors, their estates, and their creditors, and (iv) a copy of the proposed settlement agreement ("Settlement Agreement").
  - (c) The Notice Parties may object to or request additional time to evaluate the proposed Settlement in writing by no later than 5:00 p.m. (ET) (i) five (5) days for both <u>Tier I</u> Disputed Claims and <u>Tier I</u> Cause of Action and Receivable Claims or (ii) ten (10) days for both <u>Tier II</u> Disputed Claims and <u>Tier II</u> Cause of Action and Receivable Claims (each an individual "Notice Period") and serve such objection or request on counsel to the Debtors and counsel for the Creditors' Committee on or before the

expiration of the applicable Notice. If the Debtors are compromising more than one Disputed Claim and/or Cause of Action and Receivable Claim, the Tier II Notice Period shall apply to such Settlement. If no objection or written request is filed and served upon counsel for the Debtors and counsel for the Creditors' Committee or counsel to the Debtors does not receive a written request for additional information and/or additional time prior to the expiration of the applicable Notice Period, the Debtors shall be authorized to enter into and consummate the Settlement Agreement without further order of the Court or any other action by the Debtors.

- (d) If a Notice Party provides a written request to counsel for the Debtors for additional information or time to evaluate the proposed Settlement, only such Notice Party shall have the later of (i) an additional five (5) days to object to the proposed Settlement or (ii) in the case of a request for additional information, three days after receipt by the Notice Party of the additional information requested. Each Notice Party may only make one request for additional time per Settlement Agreement, unless otherwise agreed to by the Debtors in their sole discretion.
- (e) If a Notice Party objects to the proposed Settlement within the defined Notice Period for that particular Tier of Disputed Claim or Cause of Action and Receivable Claim, (or the additional period in the case of a Notice Party that has timely requested additional time or information to evaluate the proposed Settlement) (the "Objection Deadline") and the Debtors and such objecting Notice Party are unable to reach a consensual resolution,

the Debtors will not take any further action to consummate the proposed settlement without first obtaining Court approval for that specific Settlement. The Debtors are authorized to schedule the Settlement for a hearing at the next scheduled omnibus hearing following the Objection Deadline (or any subsequent hearing) without filing a separate motion or other pleading.

- If the Objection Deadline has passed and no objection has been filed with the Court or request for additional time or information has been received by the Debtors, the Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to file a "Certificate of No Objection" with the Court; provided, further, that each such Certificate shall set forth a statement that no objection was filed or received (or if any objection was filed or received, such objection has been resolved) and no request for additional time or information was received or, if such request was received, the additional period of review has expired.
- An objection will be considered (a) properly filed and served only if it is filed with the Court, and actually received by the following parties on or before the Objection Deadline: (i) Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, United States Bankruptcy Court, 701 East Broad Street - Room 4000, Richmond, VA 23219, (ii) the attorneys for the Debtors, (a) Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP, One Rodney Square, P.O. Box 636, Wilmington, DE 19899, Attn: Gregg M. Galardi (gregg.galardi@skadden.com) and Ian S. Fredericks (ian.fredericks@skadden.com) and (b) McGuireWoods LLP, One James Center, 901 E.

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- (h) All time periods set forth in the Notice Procedures shall be calculated in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 9006.
- 11. Subject to the Notice Procedures, the

  Debtors are authorized to compromise and settle Disputed

  Claims as follows:
  - (a) <u>Tier I</u> With respect to Disputed Claims, the Debtors, in their sole discretion, may negotiate, execute and consummate written Settlement Agreements with the Claimants that will be binding on the Debtors and their estates without further action by this Court. The Debtors may, in full settlement of such Disputed Claims, grant any Claimant an allowed claim of an agreed upon priority or administrative expense claim, as applicable, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.
  - (b) <u>Tier II</u> With respect to Disputed Claims, the Debtors, in their sole discretion, may negotiate, execute and consummate written Settlement Agreements with the Claimants that will be binding on the Debtors and their estates without further action by this Court. The Debtors may, in full settlement of such Disputed Claims, grant any Claimant an allowed claim (priority or non-priority, as the case may

- be) or administrative expense claim, as applicable, in an amount greater than \$500,000.
- 12. Subject to the Notice Procedures, the

  Debtors are authorized to compromise and settle Cause of

  Action and Receivable Claims as follows:
  - Tier I With respect to pre- and postpetition Cause of Action and Receivable Claims, the Debtors, in their sole discretion, may negotiate, execute and consummate written Settlement Agreements with third parties that will be binding on the Debtors and their estates without further action by this Court. The Debtors may, in full settlement of such Cause of Action and Receivable Claims, compromise or settle a Cause of Action and Receivable Claim resulting in a cash payment to the Debtors' estates of a value (i) equal to or greater than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Debtors' original reasonable estimate of the Cause of Action and Receivable Claim amount and (ii) equal to or less than \$1,000,000.
  - (b) <u>Tier II</u> With respect to pre- and post-petition Cause of Action and Receivable Claims, the Debtors, in their sole discretion, may negotiate, execute and consummate written Settlement Agreements with third parties that will be binding on the Debtors and their estates without further action by this Court. The Debtors may, in full settlement of such Cause of Action and Receivable Claims, compromise or settle a Cause of Action and Receivable Claim resulting in a cash payment to the Debtors' estates of a value equal to (i) more than \$1,000,000 or (ii) less than

seventy-five percent (75%) of the Debtors' original reasonable estimate of the Cause of Action and Receivable Claim amount.

- Debtors are authorized in their sole discretion, but not directed, to enter into Settlement Agreements substantially in the form of <a href="Exhibit A">Exhibit A</a> attached hereto; provided, further, that the material terms of each Settlement Agreement may vary depending upon the specific facts and circumstances of each Settlement and nothing herein or therein shall be construed as impairing the Debtors' ability to tailor the form of the Settlement Agreement to each specific Settlement.
- 14. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to resolve all of the Disputed Claims and Cause of Action and Receivable Claims of a single party in a single Settlement Agreement.
- 15. The Debtors shall provide written notice to Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC ("KCC"), the Debtors' authorized claims and noticing agent, with respect to any proof of claim settled pursuant to these Settlement Procedures; provided, further, that, if applicable, KCC

is authorized and directed to amend the claims register accordingly without further order of the Court.

- otherwise agreed to between the Debtors and the Creditors' Committee, the Debtors' advisors shall provide weekly updates concerning ongoing settlement discussions to the Creditors' Committee's advisors.

  These updates shall include, without limitation, non-privileged information mutually agreed to among the parties' advisors. Once the Debtors reach an agreement in principle with a third party, the Debtors shall share the material terms of the Settlement with the Creditors' Committee's advisors. All information shared with the Creditors' Committee's advisors shall be deemed shared subject to the existing confidentiality agreement with the Debtors.
- 17. Assuming no objection has been filed by the applicable Objection Deadline, immediately after the expiration of the Notice Period (or, in the case of a filed objection that has been resolved, upon filing of a Certificate of No Objection) the Settlement Agreement

shall be deemed to be a final order of this Court for all purposes, including for purposes of any appeal.

- 18. In the event there is an inconsistency between the Motion and this Order, this Order shall control.
- 19. The requirement under Local Rule 90131(G) of the Local Rules for the United States Bankruptcy
  Court for the Eastern District of Virginia to file a
  memorandum of law in connection with the Motion is
  hereby waived.

20. This Court retains jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to the Motion, this Order or any Settlement.

Dated: Richmond, Virginia \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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# CERTIFICATION OF ENDORSEMENT UNDER LOCAL RULE 9022-1(C)

Pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9022-1(C), I hereby certify that the foregoing proposed order has been endorsed by or served upon all necessary parties.

/s/ Douglas M. Foley
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# EXHIBIT 2

(Settlement Agreement)

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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND STIPULATION BY AND AMONG THE DEBTORS, THOMSON, INC., AND MONARCH MASTER FUNDING LTD RESOLVING DEBTORS' FORTY-EIGHTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AND 503(B)(9) CLAIMS AND OTHER MATTERS

This settlement agreement and stipulation (this "Agreement") is entered into by and among the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (the "Debtors")<sup>1</sup>, on the one hand, and Thomson, Inc.

("Thomson") and Monarch Master Funding Ltd ("Monarch" and together with Thomson and the Debtors, the "Parties" and each of which is a "Party"), on the other hand.

#### GENERAL BACKGROUND

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2008 (the "Petition Date"), the Debtors each filed a voluntary petition in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the "Court") under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"); and

WHEREAS, the Debtors have continued as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code; and

The Debtors and the last four digits of their respective taxpayer identification numbers are as follows: Circuit City Stores, Inc. (3875), Circuit City Stores West Coast, Inc. (0785), InterTAN, Inc. (0875), Ventoux International, Inc. (1838), Circuit City Purchasing Company, LLC (5170), CC Aviation, LLC (0841), CC Distribution Company of Virginia, Inc. (2821), Circuit City Properties, LLC (3353), Kinzer Technology, LLC (2157), Abbott Advertising Agency, Inc. (4659), Patapsco Designs, Inc. (6796), Sky Venture Corp. (0311), Prahs, Inc.(n/a), XSStuff, LLC (9263), Mayland MN, LLC (6116), Courcheval, LLC (n/a), Orbyx Electronics, LLC (3360), and Circuit City Stores PR, LLC (5512). The address for the Debtors is 4951 Lake Brook Drive, Suite #500, Glen Allen, VA 23060.

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2008, the Office of the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Virginia appointed a statutory committee of unsecured creditors (the "Creditors' Committee"); and

WHEREAS, to date, no trustee or examiner has been appointed in these chapter 11 cases; and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2009, the Court authorized the Debtors, among other things, to conduct going out of business sales at the Debtors' remaining 567 stores pursuant to an agency agreement (the "Agency Agreement") between the Debtors and a joint venture, as agent (the "Agent"). On January 17, 2009, the Agent commenced going out of business sales pursuant to the Agency Agreement at the Debtors remaining stores. As of on or about March 8, 2009, the going out of business sales concluded; and

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2009, the Debtors and the Creditors Committee filed the First Amended Joint Plan of Liquidation of Circuit City Stores, Inc. and its Affiliated Debtors and Debtors In Possession and its Official Committee of Creditors Holding General Unsecured Claims (the "Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the associated disclosure statement (the "Disclosure Statement") was approved on September 24, 2009, and confirmation on the Plan is currently scheduled for May 11, 2010; and

WHEREAS, generally, the Plan provides for the liquidation of the Debtors under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code; and

WHEREAS, the Debtors are authorized under the Court's Order Under 11 U.S.C. §§ 105 and 363, and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002, 9006, and 9019 Authorizing the Establishment of Procedures to Settle Certain Pre-Petition and Post-Petition Claims and Causes of Action Without Further Court Approval, dated August 7, 2009 (Docket No. 4401, the "Settlement Procedures Order")<sup>2</sup> to enter into this Settlement Agreement, subject to the Notice Procedures.

#### SETTLEMENT BACKGROUND

# A. The Thomson Claim.

WHEREAS, the Debtors and Thomson engaged in business in the ordinary course prior to and after the

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Petition Date wherein the Debtors purchased certain
Thomson products (the "Product") for sale in their
retail stores; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2008, Thomson filed proof of claim number 1059 against the Debtors' bankruptcy estates pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 503(b)(9) (the "503(b)(9) Claim"). Therein, Thomson alleged that it shipped in the ordinary course of business \$446,517.08 worth of Product to the Debtors within the twenty (20) days before the Petition Date; and

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2009, the 503(b)(9)

Claim was transferred to Hain Capital Holdings, LLC (D.I. 5183). On November 18, 2009, the 503(b)(9) Claim was transferred to, and is currently held by, Monarch (D.I. 5814); and

# B. The Omnibus Objection.

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2009, the Debtors filed the Debtors' Forty-Eighth Omnibus Objection to Certain Administrative Expenses and 503(b)(9) Claims and Motion for (I) Authority to Setoff Against Such Expenses and Claims and (II) A Waiver of the Requirement that the

First Hearing on any Response Proceed as a Status Conference (D.I. 5211) (the "Objection"); and

WHEREAS, as set forth in the Objection,
Circuit City Stores, Inc. ("Circuit City") alleged that
it became entitled to certain pre- and post-petition
amounts, including receivables, charge-backs, returns,
and other amounts, which amounts are currently due and
owing to Circuit City by Thomson but for which Circuit
City had not yet received payment. Specifically, the
Debtors alleged that Thomson owes Circuit City pre- and
post-petition amounts totaling \$282,809.77 (the "Alleged
Receivables"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Objection, Circuit
City sought to setoff the Alleged Receivables against
the 503(b)(9) Claim such that after setoff of the
Alleged Receivables, the 503(b)(9) Claim would be valued
at \$163,707.31; and

# C. The Response to the Objection.

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2009, Thomson filed
Thomson Inc.'s Response Regarding Debtors' Forty-Eighth
Omnibus Objection to Certain Administrative Expenses and
503(b)(9) Claims and Motion for (I) Authority to Set Off

Against Such Expenses and Claims and (II) a Waiver of the Requirement that the First Hearing on any Responses Proceed as a Status Conference (D.I. 5518). (the "Response"). Therein, Thomson (i) disputed the amount of the Alleged Receivables, and (ii) contended that the Debtors may not setoff the Alleged Receivables against the 503(b)(9) Claim; and

#### D. The Memorandum Opinion.

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2009, the Court issued its Memorandum Opinion (Docket No. 5963) and Order (Docket No. 5964) with respect to the Debtors' Forty-Eighth, Forty-Ninth and Fiftieth Omnibus Objections to Claims. Pursuant to the Court's Order, the Debtors are authorized to setoff all of their pre- and/or post-petition Receivables against Administrative Expenses (as defined in the Objections), including claims arising under Bankruptcy Code section 503(b)(9), before setting off against any general unsecured claims; and

WHEREAS, the relief sought by the Debtors in the Objection was adjourned as to Thomson. See

Supplemental Order on Debtors' Forty-Eighth Omnibus

Objection to Certain Administrative Expenses and

503(b)(9) Claims and Motion for (I) Authority to Setoff Against Such Expenses and Claims and (II) A Waiver of the Requirement that the First Hearing on any Response Proceed as a Status Conference (D.I. 6125); and

#### E. The Demand Letter.

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2010, the Debtors sent a letter to Thomson (the "Demand Letter"). Therein, the Debtors reiterated their position with regard to the Alleged Receivables. Specifically, the Debtors alleged that they identified \$282,809.77 in Alleged Receivables that they were authorized to setoff from Thomson's 503(b)(9) Claim pursuant to the Court's Memorandum Opinion and Order; and

WHEREAS, in the Demand Letter, the Debtors also asserted that Thomson's 503(b)(9) Claim was overstated by \$58,207.05 on account of pricing discrepancies and quantity shortages (the "503(b)(9) Claim Discrepancy"); and

WHEREAS, rather than proceed with litigation concerning the 503(b)(9) Claim, the 503(b)(9) Claim

Discrepancy, and the Debtors' Alleged Receivables, the parties engaged in good faith, arms' length negotiations

to resolve the 503(b)(9) Claim, the Debtors' Objection, the Response thereto, the Alleged Receivables, the 503(b)(9) Claim Discrepancy, and the Demand Letter in their entirety; and

NOW THEREFORE, subject to and in accordance with the Settlement Procedures Order, for good and valuable consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby STIPULATE AND AGREE AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. The Parties agree that the 503(b)(9) Claim Discrepancy shall be valued at \$44,000.
- 2. After deducting the agreed upon 503(b)(9) Claim Discrepancy from the 503(b)(9) Claim, the Parties agree that the 503(b)(9) Claim shall be valued at \$402,517.08.
- 3. The Parties agree that the Debtors' Alleged Receivables shall be valued at \$245,909.77 (the "Receivables").
- 4. In full satisfaction and settlement of the Alleged Receivables and the Receivables, the Receivables shall be net against the 503(b)(9) Claim such that the 503(b)(9) Claim shall be reduced to and

allowed in the face amount of \$156,607.31 (the "Allowed 503(b)(9) Claim").

- 5. To the extent required, the automatic stay of 11 U.S.C. § 362 is lifted to permit the netting set forth in Paragraph 4 above.
- deemed an "allowed" claim pursuant to Bankruptcy Code

  Section 503(b)(9) against Circuit City Stores, Inc. and

  its estate in case number 08-35653 (KRH) for all

  purposes, including with respect to any confirmed plan

  of liquidation or in any chapter 7 case of such Debtor,

  shall be paid on the "effective date" of any plan or as

  required under any chapter 7 liquidation (as applicable),

  and shall not be subject to further objection, offset,

  reduction, discount, impairment or subordination.
- 7. The Parties agree that this Settlement
  Agreement finally resolves the 503(b)(9) Claim, the
  503(b)(9) Claim Discrepancy, the Objection, the Response,
  the Debtors' Alleged Receivables and Receivables, and
  the Demand Letter in their entirety.
- 8. For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this

Settlement Agreement, (i) the Allowed 503(b)(9) Claim shall constitute Thomson's full and final allowed claim in the Debtors' cases and Thomson shall not file nor be entitled to recover on account of any other claims from the Debtors or their estates, (ii) the Debtors shall not be entitled to recover any further credits, rebates, receivables, setoffs, netting, or discounts, including (without limitation) the Alleged Receivables, from Thomson, and (iii) all omnibus objections to the 503(b)(9) Claim shall be deemed resolved.

- 9. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Settlement Agreement and for the avoidance of doubt, nothing herein shall be deemed to or affect any other claim filed by or transferred to Monarch (the "Unresolved Claims" and the holders of such Unresolved Claims, the "Claimants") or the Debtors' rights, claims, causes of action, or defenses arising from or related to the Unresolved Claims or the Claimants holding such Unresolved Claims.
- 10. Neither this Settlement Agreement, nor any statement made or action taken in connection with the negotiation of this Settlement Agreement, shall be

offered or received in evidence or in any way referred to in any legal action or administrative proceeding among or between the parties hereto, other than as may be necessary (a) to obtain approval of and to enforce this Settlement Agreement or (b) to seek damages or injunctive relief in connection with such approval and enforcement.

- 11. Each Party hereto shall execute and deliver any and all additional papers, documents and other assurances, and shall do any and all acts and things reasonably necessary or appropriate in conjunction with the performance of their respective obligations hereunder.
- 12. No provision of this Settlement Agreement is intended to confer any rights, benefits, remedies, obligations or liabilities hereunder upon any person other than the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.
- 13. Except where preempted by applicable

  Federal law, this Settlement Agreement shall be governed

  by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of

the Commonwealth of Virginia without regard to any choice of law provisions.

- 14. This Settlement Agreement may be signed in counterpart originals and delivered by facsimile or email, which, when fully executed, shall constitute a single original.
- 15. This Settlement Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the parties regarding the Agreement and the subject matter thereof.
- 16. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia shall retain exclusive jurisdiction (and the parties consent to such retention of jurisdiction) with respect to any disputes arising from or related to, or other actions to interpret, administer or enforce the terms and provisions of, this Settlement Agreement.
- 17. Each person or entity who executes this
  Settlement Agreement on behalf of another person or
  entity represents and warrants that he, she, or it is
  duly authorized to execute this Settlement Agreement on
  behalf of such person or entity, has the requisite
  authority to bind such person or entity, and such person

or entity has full knowledge of and has consented to this Settlement Agreement. The representations and warranties set forth in this paragraph shall survive execution of this Settlement Agreement.

- 18. This Settlement Agreement shall not be modified, altered, amended or vacated without the written consent of all parties hereto or order of the Bankruptcy Court.
- 19. This Settlement Agreement and all of its terms shall be effective upon the later of (i) execution by both Parties and (ii) the expiration of the applicable Notice Period.
- 20. This Settlement Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the successors and assigns of the Parties hereto, including any Chapter 7 trustee or the Liquidating Trustee under the Plan.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement is hereby executed as of the later of the dates set forth below.

CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC.

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